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NRC MONITORED EVENTS AT WATERFORD 3

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, is monitoring events surrounding an Alert declared at the Waterford 3 nuclear power plant near Taft, La. The Region IV Incident Response Center in Arlington, Texas, was staffed today at 11:15 a.m.

Entergy Operations Inc., which operates the Waterford 3 plant, was shutting down the reactor for a planned refueling outage when valves required to initiate the shutdown cooling system failed to operate properly. At 10:20 a.m. today plant operators declared an Alert condition in accordance with procedures. Alert is the second emergency action level in the four-level, NRC-required emergency response plan for nuclear reactors.

The shutdown cooling system valves were successfully opened and the Alert condition was terminated at 11:50 a.m. Normal plant cooldown was resumed at about 1:30 p.m. and the NRC closed its Incident Response Center.

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